

DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL PETER F. KILMARTIN, ATTORNEY GENERAL



PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST GUIDELINES

OPEN GOVERNMENT UNIT

The Department of Attorney General adheres to the Access to Public Records Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-1, et. seq., and has instituted the following procedures for the public to obtain public records.

- 1. To reach us by telephone please call (401) 274-4400 and ask to be connected to the Open Government Unit.
- 2. The regular business hours of the Department are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you come in after regular business hours, please complete the Public Records Request Form at the front desk and it will be given to the Department the following day.
- 3. You are not required to provide identification or the reason you seek the information, and your right to access public records will not depend upon providing identification or reasons.
- 4. In order to ensure that you are provided with the public records you seek in an expeditious manner, unless you are seeking records available pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act or other documents prepared for or readily available to the public, we ask that you complete the Public Records Request Form located at the front desk, or on our website http://www.riag.ri.gov or otherwise submit your request in writing.
- 5. You may also obtain a copy of the Attorney General's Guide to Open Government, which can be found at http://www.riag.ri.gov (then proceed to the link entitled "Open Government").
- 6. Please be advised that the Access to Public Records Act allows a public body ten (10) business days to respond, which can be extended an additional twenty (20) business days for "good cause." We appreciate your understanding and patience.
- 7. If you feel that you have been denied access to public records, you have the right to file a review petition with the Attorney General. You may also file a lawsuit in Superior Court.
- 8. The Department of Attorney General is committed to providing you with public records in an expeditious and courteous manner.



Thank you.

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PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST FORM UNDER THE ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS ACT

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